

UNHCR RESPONSE FACTSHEET

30 December 2024

Following the clashes that erupted in Aleppo on 27 November, consequently leading to a fundamental shift in the situation in Syria, UNHCR maintained its presence and continued its response across the country to support affected populations.¹



Distribution of core relief items in Tartous for internally displaced persons from Aleppo |© UNHCR Syria/Emad Kabbous

MAIN NEEDS



Cash



Core relief items



Food



Medical & psychological support



Winter items



Shelter



CORE RELIEF ITEMS (CRIs)

39,500
individuals
received CRIs

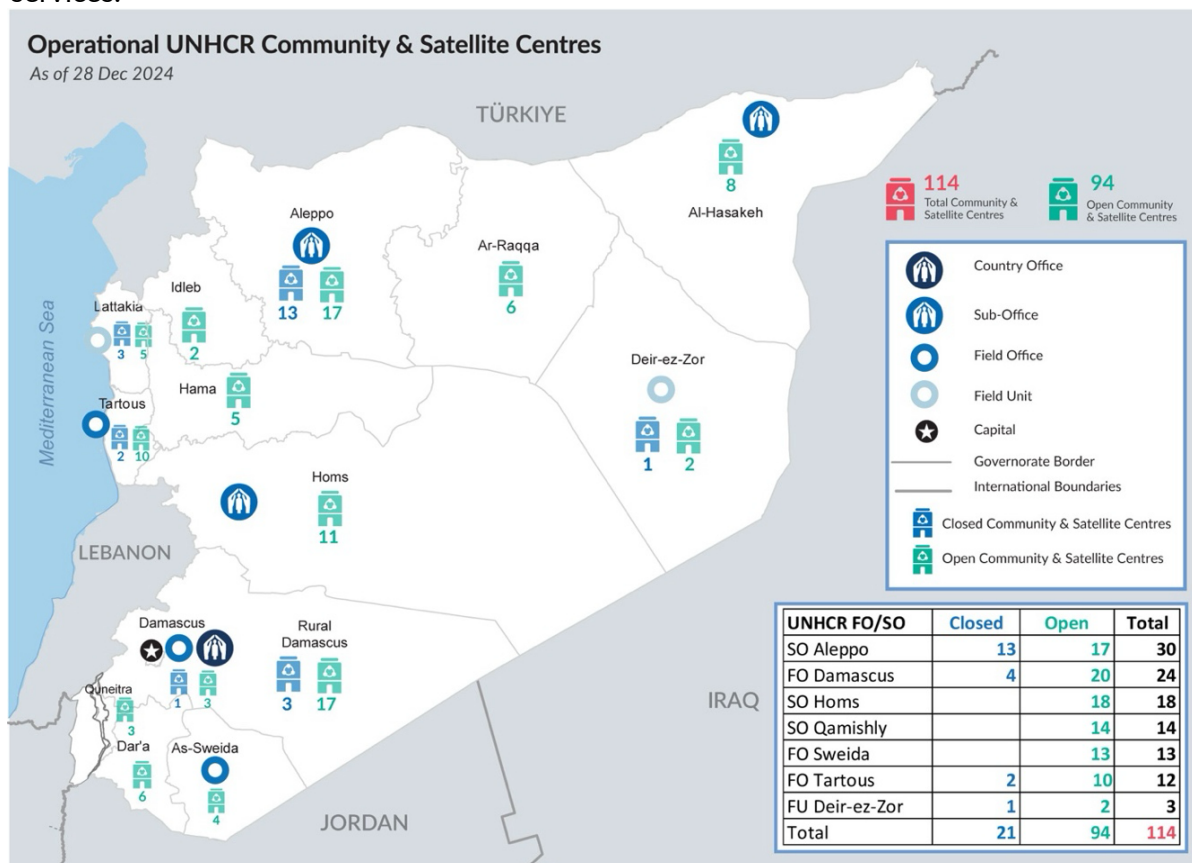
In Damascus, Rural Damascus, Homs, Hama, Tartous, Latakia, Idleb, Aleppo, Ar-Raqqa, Hassakeh, Deir-ez-Zor, As-Sweida, Dar'a and Quneitra, since 27 November. CRIs included mattresses, blankets, sleeping mats, plastic sheets, jerry cans, solar lamps, kitchen sets and winter clothing.

¹ According to OCHA, 1.1 million people have been newly displaced across the country following 27 November.



COMMUNITY CENTRES

As a result of the security situation and to ensure the safety of staff and partners, UNHCR-supported community centres were forced to temporarily suspend their activities following the fighting that erupted on 27th November, which eventually resulted in the fall of the previous Government. As of 29 December, **a total of 94 community centres out of the 114** across the country resumed operational activities to support displaced persons and affected populations. With the reopening of community centres, over 58,000 individuals have approached the UNHCR-supported community centres to enrol and be able to access essential protection services.



58,500
 individuals

approached UNHCR-supported community centres across Syria following 27 November to enrol and access essential protection services.



48,400
 individuals

benefitted from protection services provided at the community centres, including legal counselling, child protection, psychosocial support, gender-based violence case management and awareness sessions.



26,900
 Syrian
 families

received cash assistance since the beginning of the year. These include **over 115,000 internally displaced Syrians and returnees** who benefitted from multi-purpose cash assistance, cash for shelter and cash for livelihood to help them become self-reliant, improve their living conditions and start up their businesses.



RETURNEES

58,400
 individuals have
 returned to Syria
 since 8 December

These include refugee returnees predominantly from neighbouring countries such as Lebanon, Jordan and Türkiye. As of 29 December, **an estimated 419,200 Syrian refugees** (26% men, 28% women and 46% children) have returned to Syria since the beginning of the year. The majority have returned to Ar-Raqqa (25%), Aleppo (20%) and Dar'a (20%).

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 Official border
 crossings with
 regular UNHCR
 presence

UNHCR and its partner, SARC, have maintained their presence at key official border crossings that are currently operational with neighbouring countries (including three with Lebanon and one with Jordan). The teams have continued to monitor the border situation and population movements in-and-out of Syria; engage with Syrian returnees; and provide immediate protection assistance and information on protection services at the community centres in their areas of intended return. UNHCR will continue to expand its presence at active border crossings as the evolving security situation permits.



“
 Despite everything
 we have been through,
 I am still **optimistic**
 that what lies ahead
 will be **better**.
 ”

Three IDP women benefitted from psychosocial support at a UNHCR-supported community centre in Damascus. Dalal* shares her hopes for a new Syria. ©UNHCR/V.Toumeh

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